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Peril Of Garrison State

Fred Cook in The Nation magazine, October 28, has rendered signal service to people concerned about the future of the United States and freedom generally, and the danger to both because of the usurpation of power by the military-industrial complex of which Eisenhower warned in his farewell message, January 17.

Cook has showed how C.I.A. had caused the United States government to violate repeatedly its solemn treaty obligations by interfering in the domestic affairs of almost every nation on the globe. Perhaps the two most serious were: the U-2 incident, May 1, 1960, which aborted the first summit meeting with any hope of promoting peace, and the U. S. invasion of Cuba, April 17, 1961.

He cites chapter and verse of how the military-industrial complex planned and finally succeeded in establishing the "garrison state" in the United States for the first time in its history. The recent efforts of Senator William Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, have been sabotaged by his associates in the Senate and House, who also hold very high rank in the nation's military forces.

General Walker's now well publicized efforts to direct the political thinking and actions of his soldiers and families of the 24th Division, have no doubt been repeated scores of times by other high ranking officers. This was made government policy at the highest level.

When only one of the major causes of the present state of Communism 1961.

Hundreds of sessions have been promoted on U. S. military installations, at the cost of millions of dollars to the taxpayer, by the Institute of American Strategy for the purpose of "indoctrinating" leading citizens and civic groups on the "evils of Communism." This has made a field day for the peddlers of fear and hate by the Robert Welshers (John Birch Society), the Fred Schwarzers (Fred is an Australian subject) and all who constitute the "Holy Alliance" of the 20th Century.

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